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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1888

THE recent appropriation by the general government giving fifteen thousand dollars to each State for the support of experiment stations in connection with all schools which are supported, in whole, or in part, by Congressional land grants, for the present year, will receive the commendation of all who are interested in advanced education. As evidence that our National Legislators appreciate the work that has heretofore been largely undertaken by a few individual States, only one vote was cast against the measure, and that the vote of Salisbury, of Delaware.

The object of these stations are to promote all interests connected directly and indirectly with agriculture and stock raising, and to diffuse general knowledge that may have a tendency to promote, not only intelligence, but to place the agricultural and horticultural interests on an intelligent plane where their importance demand that they should be placed. The appropriation gives to the University fifteen thousand dollars more to be expended in building up Nevada's local and industrial interests. To do this as it should be done, will require more land than the State now owns in connection with the University. There should be lands which could be used in experimenting with all kinds of cereals, vegetables and grasses. It will not only be the purpose to experiment with the products of the acres that are set apart especially with the University, but to collect data relative to experiments in all parts of the State, and to make practical reports of the result of these experiments. Only a few are able to appreciate the effect of this appropriation upon the welfare of each individual State, and a much less number the benefits derived from the precedent established, and the step taken which tends toward a national education system. This appropriation throws on the shoulders of the Regents new and additional duties. They will be held responsible for the efficiency of the work intended to be accomplished by the expenditure of this fund. They will, without question, look around and see what other and older States have done, and profit by their experience, and will pride themselves in accomplishing more than the most sanguine friends of this adjunct to the University have reason to anticipate.

THE San Francisco Post, an independent journal with Republican proclivities, in commenting on the withdrawal of Blaine as a Presidential candidate, says the question whether Mr. Blaine could reverse the majorities in the unfavorable States that he carried in 1884 is so uncertain, and the outcome so probably unfavorable, that the wisdom of Mr. Blaine's course in withdrawing cannot be impeached. The question of who shall be the candidate is now left to the choice of the party untrammelled by former contests. It must now be the aim of the party to select a standard bearer who can unite the party. A man who has not been identified with the factional fights of the past is a necessity. The party is not looking now for a man of brilliant parts and aggressive ideas. Such a man necessarily has raised up enemies within the party. An able, sound and safe man is a necessity of the party's situation, and the party is able to furnish an abundance of such men who would grace the presidential office, yet call out every vote in the party. The retirement of Mr. Blaine brings the second and third rank of candidates to the front. Of these John Sherman is the leader. Close behind him stand Lincoln, of Illinois; Graham, of Indiana; Allison, of Iowa; Hawley, of Connecticut; and General P. H. Sheridan; and less prominent are Foraker, of Ohio; Cullom, of Illinois; Rusk, of Wisconsin, and Childs, of Pennsylvania. Of these it is probable that Sherman is the strongest man and the weakest candidate.

THE payment of bounty, on the scalp of rabbits, has become such a drain on the finances of Lander and Esmeralda counties that the Commissioners for those counties have submitted all such claims. This action is plainly a nullification of the law passed by the last Legislature, but those counties claim that such action must be taken by them or they will become bankrupt.

rupt. The real trouble is that the law does not accomplish the object for which it was enacted. The Indians are the only ones benefited by it, and they fraudulently put in claims and drag the county treasuries beyond all endurance. It is not to be expected that the Indians will contest the matter in the courts, and as they are the only persons injured by its abrogation, the matter will probably be dropped, and each county do as it deems best with relation to observing the law.

DEMOCRATIC papers are already claiming that Blaine does not mean what he says in his letter of declination, but that he writes only to combat Democratic views on the tariff question with the anticipation that his party will not let him decline the nomination. The very name of Blaine has more terror for a Democrat than an army with banners.

EUROPE finds a guaranty of peace in Russia's inability to fight another loan. The purse is mightier than the sword in modern war, and the capitalists do not see their advantage in another war just at present.

A JUDGE EXCOMMUNICATED.
A Mob in Turn Assails the Bishop's Palace.

PANAMA, Feb. 14.—Much excitement has been caused at Quayquil, owing to the Spanish priest, temporarily in charge of the Bishopric of Quayquil, having excommunicated the Judge of the Supreme Court. A mob in which many of the best-known citizens of Quayquil were prominent, stoned the Bishop's palace. Thence they went to the residence of Dr. Nevia, the legal adviser of the Bishop. On stones being thrown, Dr. Nevia and some friends, who were with him, fired on the crowd. The police also acted similarly. Several persons were killed and wounded before a troop of soldiers appeared and restored order. The Government's action in defending the church party was the cause of the trouble which it is believed will be more serious in its consequences.

OF Interest to State Officials.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The House Judiciary Committee has ordered repeated a substitute for Howe's bill intended to prevent interference by Federal Courts with State officials, in the discharge of their duties. The substitute takes the form of a declaration that nothing in the statutes defining the duties of the Federal Courts shall be so construed as to authorize any officer of the State to perform any duty upon Federal authority not imposed upon him by the constitution or laws of the State which he is an officer in.

DR. McGLYNN Again in Trouble.
NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Anti-Poverty Society has struck on a rock. At a meeting of the Executive Committee last night, Dr. McGlynn, as President of the society, announced that he had appointed ten new members on the committee. This was charged as an attempt to pack the committee in his favor in order to stave off possible censure of himself for his recent criticism of Henry George. A row ensued and the factions separated. Each then organized and read the other faction out of the society.

Determined to Die.
MARYSVILLE, Feb. 13.—J. O. Cousins, the man down with leprosy in this city, made another attempt on his life yesterday. He was discovered cutting a vein in his left arm and bleeding severely. After it had been bandaged he tore it away, and became so weak from loss of blood that he almost died. He is better to-day. He threatens to commit suicide at the first opportunity. This is the third attempt at suicide he has made during the last year.

The Nicaragua Canal.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The House Committee on Commerce to-day decided to report favorably the bill to charter the Nicaragua Canal Company. The committee was instructed to insert two amendments in the original bill—the first requiring a majority of the directors of the company to be American citizens, and the second providing that the president of company shall be a citizen and resident of the United States.

Suspicious De Cassagnac.
PARIS, Feb. 14.—M. Paul De Cassagnac, in a letter to Prince Napoleon, requests him to order his son, Prince Louis, to quit the Italian army, which M. De Cassagnac says is openly organized against France, and to take his sword where its point may not be directed against his country's heart.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

A Bureau of Health will be established in the Interior Department. The bill asking for an investigation of the mining debris question in California has been reported favorably to the House.

The Secretary of the Treasury has ordered a special agent to go to Watertown, N. Y., and make a thorough investigation of the alleged opium frauds.

In New York to-day a derelict fell, striking a passing street car, crushing it like an egg-shell. Two passengers were killed outright and seventeen seriously injured.

The House Judiciary Committee will report favorably the resolution to amend the Constitution so as to change the inauguration day of the President from March 4th to April 30th.

It is stated that the Rock Island railroad proposes to extend its line by 1,200 miles, running to Denver, thence to the Gulf of Mexico, for which work \$30,000,000 new bonds will be issued.

Masquerade Re-Night.
The attendance at the masquerade ball this evening promises to be large, and an enjoyable evening is assured. The music will be first-class, and the program of dances will satisfy the most exacting. The price of admission are as follows: ladies in costume, free; lady spectators, 50 cents; gentlemen in costume, \$1; gentlemen spectators, \$1.

JAMES G. BLAINE.

REASONS FOR HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE.

Blaine Fata Party above Self and Takes a Hospital View of the Coming Campaign.
Pittsburg, Feb. 13.—B. F. Jones, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has received the following letter from James G. Blaine, declining to be a candidate before the coming Republican Convention:

Florence, Italy, Jan. 25, 1888.
To B. F. Jones, Chairman of the Republican National Committee—Sir: I wish through you to state to the members of the Republican party that my name will not be presented to the National Convention, called to assemble in Chicago in June next for the nomination of candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. I am constrained to this decision by considerations entirely personal to myself, of which you were advised more than a year ago. But I cannot make this announcement without giving expression to my deep sense of gratitude to the many thousands of my countrymen who have sustained me so long and cordially. That feeling has seemed to go beyond the ordinary political adherence of fellow-partisans, and to partake somewhat of the nature of personal attachment. For this most generous loyalty of friendship I can make no adequate return, but I shall carry the memory of it while life lasts.

Nor can I refrain from congratulating the Republican party on its cheering prospects, which distinguish the opening of the national contest of 1888 as compared with that of 1884. In 1884 the Republican party throughout the United States met with a disastrous defeat. Ten States that had supported Garfield and Arthur in the election of 1880 were carried by the Democrats, either by majorities or pluralities. The Republican loss in the North-eastern States, compared with the preceding national election, exceeded half a million votes, and the electoral vote of the Union, divided on the basis of the result of 1884, gave the Democrats over 300 electors out of a total of 401. There was a partial reaction in favor of the Republicans in the elections of 1885, but the Democrats still in possession of several Northern States and on the basis of the year's contest could show more than 100 majority in the electoral college of the whole country.

But against the discouragement naturally following the adverse elections of these two years the spirit of the Republican party in the national contest of 1888 rose high, and the Republican masses entered into the campaign with such energy that the final result depended on the vote of a single state, and that state was carried by the Democrats by a plurality so small that it represented less than one-eighth of one per cent of the entire vote. The change of a single vote in every 2,000 of the total poll would have given the state to the Democrats, and only two years before the Democratic plurality exceeded 192,000. The elections of 1886 and 1887 have demonstrated growing strength in the Republican ranks. Seldom in our political history has a party, defeated in a national election, rallied immediately with such vigor as have the Republicans since 1884. No comparison is possible between the spirit of the party in 1882-83, and its spirit in 1886-87. The two periods present simply a contrast—the one of general depression, the other of enthusiastic revival. Should the party gain in the results of 1888 over those of 1886-87 in anything like the proportion of the gain in 1884 over 1882-83 it would secure one of the most remarkable victories of its entire existence. But victory does not depend on so large a ratio of increase. The party has only to maintain relatively its prestige of 1886-87 to give to its national candidate every Northern state but one, with a far better prospect of carrying that one than it has had for at least six years.

Another feature of the political situation is the fact that the party has a protection state, that no issue on the tariff was involved. However urgently the Republicans urged that question as the one of controlling importance in the campaign, they were met by the Democratic leaders and journals with persistent evasion, concealment and denial. That resource the President has fortunately removed. The issue which the Republicans marked and the Democrats avoided in 1884 has been prominently and specifically brought forward by the Democratic President, and cannot be hidden out of sight in 1888.

The country is now in the enjoyment of an industrial system which, in a quarter of a century has assumed a larger national growth, a more rapid accumulation and a broader distribution of wealth than were ever before known to history. The American people will now be openly and formally asked to decide whether the Republic shall be recklessly abandoned and a new trial be made of an old experiment which has uniformly led to national embarrassment and widespread individual ruin.

Of the results of such an issue, fairly presented to the popular judgment, there is no room for doubt. One thing only is necessary to assure success—complete harmony and cordial co-operation on the part of both those who aspire to lead and of those who are eager to follow. The duty is not merely of honor, but of duty to the party whose record and whose aims are alike great, but is one demanded by the instinct of self-interest, and by the still higher promptings of patriotism.

A closer observation of the conditions of life among the older nations gives one a more intense desire that the American people shall make no mistake in showing the policy which inspires labor with hope and crowns it with dignity; which gives safety to capital and protects its increase; which secures political power to every citizen—comfort and culture to every home.

To this end, not less earnestly than more directly as a private citizen than as a public candidate, I shall devote myself, with the confident belief that the administration of the government will be restored to the party which has demonstrated the purpose and the power to wield it for the honor of the republic, and for the prosperity and progress of the people. I am, very sincerely, yours,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

—Martin A. Ryerson, of Chicago, a son of the millionaire lumberman, Martin Ryerson, who died recently, yesterday gave in trust property worth \$250,000 to eight charitable institutions—four Catholic and four Protestant.

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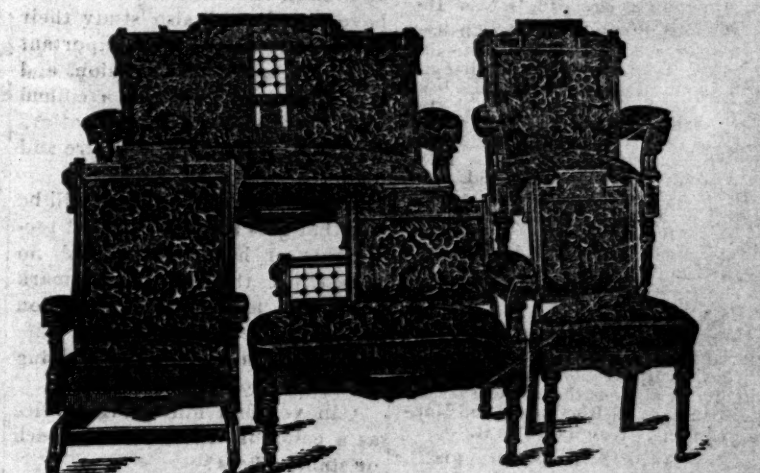
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200 Gould & Curry, 5 1/4	135 Best & Belcher, 5 1/4
405 Con Cal & Va, 17 1/2, 17 1/4	110 Savage, 7 1/2, 7 1/4
210 Chollar, 6 1/2, 6	280 Potosi, 5 1/2, 5 1/4, 5 1/2
225 Hale & Norcross, 10 1/2, 10 1/4	100 Point, 7 1/2, 7 1/4
450 Jacket, 10 1/2, 10 1/4	1850 Alpha, 2 3/4, 2 3/2, 2 3/4
500 Belcher, 7 1/2, 7 1/4	55 Confidence, 5 1/2, 5 1/4
350 Overman, 2 1/2, 2 1/4	300 S Nevada, 5 1/2, 5 1/4
310 Justice, 1 1/2, 1 1/4	120 Utah, 2 1/2, 2 1/4
150 Union, 4 1/2	100 Eschschuer, 1 3/4
50 Julia, 4 1/2	150 Seg Belcher, 8 1/2
50 Challenge, 6 1/2	350 Overman, 2 1/2, 2 1/4
450 Bullion, 1 1/2, 1 1/4	200 Lady Washington, 5 1/2
150 Occidental, 1 1/2, 1 1/4	200 Andes, 1 1/2, 1 1/4
100 Scorpion, 8 1/2	100 Benton, 4
1100 Baltimore, 1 20, 1 1/4	300 Con. N. Y., 7 1/2
1100 W. C. P., 5 1/2	700 Keyes, 2 1/2, 2 1/4
650 Eureka, 1 1/2, 1 1/4	400 Prize, 2 1/2
350 Navajo, 1 1/2, 1 1/4	50 North Belle Isle, 7 1/2
225 Queen, 3 1/2, 3 1/4	100 Argenta, 2 1/2
200 Mt. Cory, 2 1/2	280 E. Idaho, 2 1/2
450 Bulwer, 9 1/2, 9 1/4	200 Mono, 1 1/2
300 Peer, 6 1/2	300 Weldon, 5 1/2
200 Locomotive, 4 1/2	

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

DEPOT HOTEL—James R. Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.; C. O. Davis, Carson; H. Arnold, San Francisco; Frank Golden, Virginia City; John W. Greenlaw, Sacramento; C. E. Reed, M. D., Hawthorne; Dr. John Turner, New Jersey; Mrs. Cain, George W. Brown, Washworth; Herman L. Jodell, Arthur L. Foster, A. Schraug, San Francisco; W. R. Williams, Kansas; Chas. Hobbs, Mrs. Kandler and family, Lakeview; Jas. King, R. Hocking, S. H. Hearst, Gold Hill; F. A. Kelton and family, Gold Hill.

PALACE HOTEL—S. Little, San Francisco; John G. Gill, Melbourne; W. Van Horn, H. Hanston, Reno; B. Friedlander, Julius Dryfus, San Francisco; P. T. Ford, Johnsville; George W. Horn, Kansas; Jas. H. Hixon, W. H. Cowan, Carson; F. W. Drew, Truckee; H. W. Phelps, Minneapolis; John Barrett, Winnemucca.

MARRIED.

MOORE-CALVERT—At Halfway House, Virginia City road, February 12, 1905, by the Rev. George R. Davis, Joseph Moore, of the Eureka Mill, and Miss Calvert, eldest daughter of Thomas Calvert.

JOTTINGS.

Valentines at T. Urston's. Orders taken for all kinds of fancy work, pinking and stamping at Mrs. Gibbs.

Free hot lunch at J. J. Becker's saloon. Bocs and Sacramento beer on draught.

Matured Thistle Dew whiskey for medicinal purposes, in quantities to suit, at W. Pinner's drugstore.

Eastern tourists remark that Parry & Fitzgerald, of the Depot Hotel, set the best table on either route.

All grades of chewing and smoking tobaccos, cigarettes, and the best five-cent cigar in town, at Coffin & Larcombe's.

Buy your stationery, blank and school books at C. J. Brookins', where also is to be had Tansill's Punch cigar.

Light and heavy spring wagons at J. T. Longbaugh's, Reno, Nevada, as cheap as you can get them in San Francisco.

For good wood, a full cord guaranteed, go to Haynes & Algeier. Leave orders at Ruhe's butcher shop or Nelson's cigar store.

Thurston is carrying a full line of all kinds of legal blanks, writing tablets, blank books of all sizes, besides the best brands of cigars and tobacco.

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The best dressed men in town are fitted out by the White House clothing store. Gents' furnishing goods of the best quality are always kept on hand.

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Eureka.

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ASTRONOMICAL.

A Disquisition on the Wanderers of the Heavens.

Written for the GAZETTE.] Cold-blooded science is too much for the embryo astronomer who have been gazing at Venus for the past two months. It was hard to admit that it was not the Star of Bethlehem after all the metaphors that has been invented about the beautiful and erratic wanderer of the heavens. The supposed periodicity of the Star of Bethlehem of 315 years, according to some rather shadowy starting points in the calculations, occurring in the latter part of the year 1887—just when Venus was assuming her greatest brightness—it was natural that our flaming neighbor be mistaken for the long-lost star that is said to have stood watch and ward over the little village of Judea. But it is only Venus, who for two months has been brilliant and beautiful; the unexcelled queen of the heavens, and the morning star of creation. Venus, having its orbit within that of the earth, is only visible as morning or evening star, according as she is east or west of the sun, and far enough removed to be seen before sunrise or after sunset. The balance of the time she is near the sun that she is lost in the rays of that great luminary.

The planets belonging to our solar system are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Saturn and Neptune. They are named in the order of their distance from the sun. It will be seen that Mercury is the first planet that goes booming around the sun and Venus marks out the second royal pathway. Next comes the earth and then the others in the order named, each one in its elliptical course, attuned in majestic harmony to the music of the spheres, swinging through space among the clockwork of stars.

A comparison of Venus with the earth will give us a better general idea of the planet than anything else. The mean distance of Venus from the sun is 67,000,000 miles; the earth, 92,000,000. Venus is 7,588 miles in diameter, travels around the sun once in 224 days and makes a diurnal revolution in 23.32 hours. The diameter of the earth is 7,912 miles, sidereal rotation 365 days and diurnal rotation 23.93 hours. It will be seen that there is a close similarity between the two planets as regards size and revolution.

As morning star Venus will soon disappear. She rises later and later, keeping up a continual retrograde motion. In about six months she will have fallen so far behind (apparently) that she will appear as evening star, but not so bright as for the past two months. During the latter part of next Summer, when swains whisper nothings into little pink ears as the twilight begins to deepen and hearts and eyes seem to draw very close together, Venus will peep at them through the tree tops and shine night on serene and beautiful as ever.

Speculative astronomy is about the extent of all investigations in regard to the Star of Bethlehem. Some astronomers claim that the subject is theological. Tycho Brahe, in the year 1572, discovered a new star which suddenly assumed great brightness, but in two years faded entirely out of sight. This was before the telescope was invented. Some accounts exist of similar astronomical occurrences in the years 1204 and 945. With this much as a basis the following calculations were made: Zero, or the beginning of the Christian Era when the Star of Bethlehem was said to have first appeared, the years 315, 630, 945, 1264, 1572 and 1887 or 1888 (nearly). There is a ghost of a chance that there is such a thing as the Star of Bethlehem. It would be reasonable for astronomers to expect that if it appears at all it will be found in the same place noted by Brahe (in the constellation Cassiopeia north of the Zodiak). A faint star, visible only with the aid of the telescope, has appeared in this exact locality in the heavens. It is being closely observed by astronomers and will probably settle much speculation.

Wadsworth Wonders.

The GAZETTE correspondent at Wadsworth writes us the following:

When the railroad shops were on the other side of the river, the ashes from the engines were dumped so as to make room in the yard to switch. Shortly after the new building was ready for occupancy and everything had been moved over here, some boys tunneled into the old ash dump and set a fire. It caught in the old cinders and they have been burning ever since—nearly three years. Shortly after the fire started the boys were very much amused to see the town cattle tread on some warm place, look astonished and proceed at once to move away in a hurry. The old cattle have learned to avoid the place, but strangers get taken in very frequently.

At a place in the Truckee river, near the bridge, passers-by have been amused at the strange freak of an eddy. Nearly under the bridge is a dam, and as the water dashes over the rocks it is lashed into foam. Some of this is caught by the eddy and whirled so rapidly that it takes circular shapes, which look so much like frosted lemon pies that one is tempted to descend and try one. The number increases and diminishes according to high or low water. Sometimes there are two and sometimes seven. It is a curious and interesting phenomenon.

Dickie Jose.

The following from the New York Dramatic News of February 1st concerning Reno's "sweet singer" will be read with interest by his many friends here: Dick Jose, the pleasing balladist of Dockstader's, sang for the first time M. H. Rosenfield's new ballad, "Never to Meet Again," on Monday evening, at the theater. The singer rendered the song with exquisite expression, and scored for it one of the most brilliant hits of the season.

BREVITIES.

Local and General Intelligence.

Lent commences to-morrow. Attend the masquerade to-night. Baled hay is selling for \$14 a ton. Look out for the wicked small boy to-night.

The Supreme Court has adjourned until March 1st.

There are 108 convicts in the Nevada State Prison.

What has become of the Reno Real Estate Association?

The tax rate for Lyon county this year is \$3.05 on the \$100.

Travel is light at the present time on the Central Pacific.

Valentine's Day was not very generally observed in Reno.

Signal service prediction for to-morrow: Cooler; fair weather.

The man who predicted a drouth this year has taken to the woods.

County Clerk Gibson, of Humboldt county, is quite ill with erysipelas.

James D. Ryan, Recorder of Lander county, died on the 9th inst. of consumption.

Over twenty new locations have been made in the proposed bonanza north of Carson City.

The Reno Orchestra will give a social dance at the theater every Thursday evening.

Confidence mining stock continues to move upward. Quotations closed to-day at \$55.

The Reno Guard is contemplating giving a grand ball at Armory hall on the evening of the 22d inst.

Plans have been drawn for a new hotel, to be erected on Plaza street, between Sierra and Virginia.

All the trains are reported on time to-night, except No. 2, which will be only a few minutes late.

The sweet music of the hammer and saw is again heard in Reno. Building operations have commenced.

The Board of County Commissioners have advertised for bids for labor on the bridge at Crystal Peak, near Verdi.

B. C. Platt, the veterinary surgeon, who is now in Los Angeles on business, writes that he will shortly return to Reno.

Do not fail to attend the entertainment at the theater Friday evening for the benefit of the Reno Public Library.

Robert Jones, the rancher, is being sued in the Justice's Court to-day by Mrs. Mary Jones, the amount involved being \$100.

The Sacramento river is eighteen feet, seven inches above low water mark at Sacramento, and the low lands on the Yolo side of the river are flooded.

It appears that at least fifteen acres of good land lying west of the State Prison at Carson, and claimed by private parties, really belongs to the State Government.

The new opera house is rapidly nearing completion. When finished it will be the handsomest temple of theatrical art between San Francisco and Salt Lake.

A Democratic paper will shortly be published at Alturas. Ben. M. Barney, of the Susanville Mail, is said to be the misguided individual who will mount the tripod.

On the 12th inst. Fred Muller, Jr., of Winnemucca, had his left leg broken below the knee by his horse falling upon him. Both bones were broken and the flesh lacerated.

F. J. Button is authority for the statement that there was no loss of stock in Eden valley, Humboldt county, this Winter. He was out on the range recently and saw steers fit for beef.

The Reno Orchestra will give a series of dances at the theater, beginning Thursday next, February 16th, and continuing every week. The full orchestra will be present. Admission fifty cents.

District Attorney Evans pronounces Ordinance No. 29, relative to a fire department, passed recently by the County Commissioners, illegal, and disclaims all responsibility of its authorship.

Two carloads of beef cattle recently arrived at San Francisco from Kern county suffering from a disease known among the farmers as the "well-head" or "well-jaw," and are now quarantined.

No cases of chicken-stealing have been reported thus far during the Chinese New Year. The chicken-stealing story is evidently an annual "chestnut," perpetrated at the expense of the Chinamen.

The great increase in population in California has sent the death rate up to a high figure. During the month of January 1,235 deaths were reported, giving a percentage of 1.8 per thousand in the month.

Henry Henderson and family departed for the Bay last evening. He stated that he had obtained a situation as porter in the Palace hotel, but as he bought tickets for Truckee, but very little credence is placed in his story. The town is well rid of him.

The San Francisco Examiner publishes the following: The excitement over the mining discovery on the ledge struck by the Langtry well near Carson, has caused a rush of locators, and the ledge the mountain is being rapidly covered with claims.

The establishment of an agricultural experiment station at the State University will necessitate the employment of several teachers and assistants. Of the \$15,000 appropriation, but \$3,000 can be used for building, etc., and the remainder will be set apart for the payment of salaries.

Praise for the Depot Hotel. Two gentlemen from the East, who visited the Capital yesterday, and had stayed two days in Reno, stated, says the Carson Tribune, that in all their railroad travel they had never found a hotel on the line of any road so well kept as the Depot Hotel at Reno, and that wherever they stopped during their travels they would make it a point of not starting to all their meek Messrs. Parry & Fitzgerald may, with pride, add this feather to their already well-ornamented cap.

Announcement.

James P. Hixson, representing the merchant tailoring establishment of Gordon Bros., 13 Kearney street, San Francisco, has arrived in Reno, and will remain at the Palace Hotel a few days, and has on exhibition a full line of sample goods for gentlemen's wear, suitable for the present and coming season. Those wishing first-class custom-made clothing will do well to give him a call. He is the only scientific, practical cutter who has taken diplomas in the principal cities of the East for correct measuring, skillful labor, perfect fit, and who is soliciting orders. There are a great many adventures in traveling who are not tailors and who do not represent a responsible house, who cannot take a correct measure, subjecting the public to great inconvenience and loss. Hoping that the public will encourage a scientific man to do their work, Mr. Hixson is recommended.

Funeral of A. J. Stevens.

The funeral of the late A. J. Stevens, Master Mechanic of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, took place yesterday afternoon from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sacramento. It was perhaps one of the most imposing funerals ever seen in the State. There were 1,607 men from the railroad shops in line. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Among the pieces were a floral engine, car, steam hammer, the steamer Piedmont, the machinery of which was invented by Stevens; also, representation of locomotive No. 48, upon which the patent steam valve invented by the deceased, was first introduced. These designs were offerings of employees of the railroad shops. The remains were taken to Oakland for interment.

Limited Tickets Abolished. A new railroad schedule, which goes into effect next Sunday, abolishes limited first-class tickets. Those tickets were withdrawn between San Francisco and the Missouri river by order of the Transcontinental Traffic Association. Only two forms of tickets will be in use on the Southern Pacific lines after the above date, one as unlimited first-class ticket, with unrestricted stop-over privileges, and the second-class ticket, which takes the place of the emigrant tickets between Pacific Coast points and the Eastern States.

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The county road from Grizzly to Oroville passes through the land. It is an exceedingly rich and fertile soil, capable of a very high state of cultivation. It can be irrigated from the Feather River, although irrigation is not necessary, as crops without irrigation have been raised successfully for twenty-five years. There are 200 acres of low hill land, which is most excellent soil for vines. The land is well timbered with huge white oaks, one oak in particular measuring thirty-six feet in circumference four feet from the ground.

The wood alone is very valuable, it being estimated that if cut into cordwood it could be readily sold for the total sum of \$40,000. The land is well cultivated and produces thirty-five bushels of wheat, or sixteen sacks, to the acre, and fifty bushels of barley. It will raise without irrigation eight tons of alfalfa to the acre. The land is within the citrus belt, and all kinds of citrus and deciduous fruits do well.

This is the best fruit land in the State of California and should be devoted to that purpose. There is a two-story house, also barns and outbuildings on the place as well as two small orchards.

